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LETTER DATED 22 MARCH 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by
His Excellency Mr. Karolos Papoulias, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece.
This letter was telexed to us this afternoon.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated
as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adamantios Th. VASSILAKIS
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

[Original: English]

Letter dated 22 March 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Greece addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following Security Council resolution 900 and the Secretary-General's report of 11 March 1994 (S/1994/291), the urgent need for strengthening UNPROFOR became obvious. This was confirmed at the meeting that Mr. Kofi Annan convened on the 16th of March.

The urgency together with a glimmer of hope which has appeared in Bosnia-Herzegovina recently and the inability of States participating in UNPROFOR to increase their contribution of troops in order to cover existing needs, has created a tendency to discard the principle of non-participation of neighbouring States.

From the beginning of the conflict in ex-Yugoslavia, Greece has consistently opposed the participation of Balkan countries in UNPROFOR, fearing that for historical and political reasons, such participation might create strong local reactions and bring about an extension of the conflict. Our position has been shared by most of the other neighbouring States. Some of them have recently reiterated their opposition, in view of demands for such contributions.

I am writing this letter to you in order to confirm our opposition in principle to the participation of troops from Balkan States. The insisting demand of some countries to be allowed to participate in UNPROFOR reinforces our concern that motives other than purely humanitarian might be behind it.

I would be grateful if you circulate the content of this letter to the other members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Karolos PAPOULIAS
Foreign Minister of Greece
